PENROD

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"I know where it is." Penrod enter-

ed the door, and a feeling of relief, mu-

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His Hat Seemed to Have Decided Remain Where It Was.

recovered his sanity.

direction of the doorway;

struck them as unnatural.

to remain where it was.

Margaret.

head.

you ill?"

little gentleman."

another of his three relatives their in-

terchanged congratulations that he had

"The day is done and the dark-

"Here it is," said Penrod, unexpect-

the other direction. His mother and

father and Margaret had supposed him

to be standing in the hallway out of

deference and because he thought it

tactful not to interrupt the recitations.

"Very good, little gentleman" said

chilled, placed the hat firmly upon his

he noticed at once. The next instant

sensation of the scalp-a sensation

which he was quite unable to define.

He lifted his hand to take the hat off

"I-ah-I cannot say," he returned

Struck by a strangeness in his tone,

she peered at him curiously through

the dusk. His outlines were indis-

tinet, but she made out that his arms

were uplifted in a singular gesture.

"Is is anything the matter?" she

"Not at-ugh!-all," he replied, in the

He dropped his hands from his hat

and rose. His manner was slightly agi-

At the steps he instinctively lifted

"Well, of all"- cried Mrs. Schofield,

astounded. "What was the matter?

He just went-like that!" She made

a flurried gesture. "In heaven's name,

Margaret, what did you say to him?"

"Nothing! He just went!"

"You bet he didn't!"

"I!" exclaimed Margaret indignantly.

"Why, he didn't even take off his hat

when he said good night!" said Mrs.

Margaret, who had crossed to the

He knew not that he was overheard.

A frightful suspicion flashed through

Margaret's mind-suspicion that Kines

ling's hat would have to be either boiled off or shaved off. With growing

doorway, caught the ghost of a whis-

per behind her, where stood Penrod.

his hand to remove his hat, but did not

same odd tone. "I-ah-I believe-

absently. "I-ah-each has his own-

ugh!-flavor and savor, each bis-ah-

ness," began Mr. Kinosling-and re-

cited that poem entire. He followed

(Continued.) Kinosling. "It is a black bowler hat, They perceive the obligations of nolittle gentleman, and placed upon a tablige. They begin to compreble in the hall." nd the necessity of caste and its requirements. They learn what birth means ab that is, they learn what if tually experienced, carried from one to means to be well born. They learn courtesy in their games; they learn politeness, consideration for one another in their pastimes, amusements, lighter occupations. I make it my pleasure to join them often, for I sympathise with them in all their wholesome joys is well as in their little, bothers and exities. I understand them, you see; and let me tell you it is no easy matter to understand the little lads and lassles." He sent to each listener his beaming glance and, permitting it to come to rest upon Penrod, inquired: "And what do you say to that, little

Mr. Schofield uttered a stentorian ough. 'More? You'd better have tome more chicken! More! Do." "More chicken!" urged Margaret at-

multaneously. "Do please! Please! More! Do! More!" "Heautiful, beautiful," began Mrs. schooleld. "Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, beautiful,

It is not known in what light Mr.
Knosling viewed the expression of
Penrod's face. Perhaps he mistook it for awe; perhaps he received no im-pression at all of its extraordinary quality. He was a rather self engrossed young man, just then engaged in a double occupation, for he not only talked, but supplied from his own con-sciousness a critical though favorable auditor as well, which, of course, kept him quite busy. Besides, it is oftener than is suspected the case that extremely peculiar expressions upon the countermores of boys are entirely overked and suggest nothing to the twinds of people staring straight at them. Certainly Penrod's expression which to the perception of his family was perfectly horrible—caused not the faintest perturbation in the breast of

Mr. Kinosling. and continued to talk. "Yes, I think I may claim to understand boys," he said, smiling thoughtfully. "One has time! I hope our young scholar here does not overwork himself at his Latin, at his classics, as I did, so that at the age of eight years I was compelled to wear glasses. He must be careful not to strain the little eyes at his scholar's tasks, not to let the little shoulders grow round over his scholar's desk. Youth is golden. We should keep it golden, bright, glistening. Youth should frolic, should be sprightly. It should play its cricket, its tennis, its hand-ball. It should run and leap; it should laugh, should sing madriguls and giees, carol with the lark, ring out in chanties, folk songs, ballads, rounde

He talked on. At any instant Mr. Schofield held himself ready to cough rehemoutly and shout, "More chicken," to drown out Penrod in case the fatal words again fell from those eloquent tips, and Mrs. Schoffeld and Margaret kept themselves prepared at all times to assist him. So passed a threatening most, which Mrs. Schofield hurried by every means within decency to its con-clusion. She felt that somehow they would be safer out in the dark of the front porch and led the way thicher as

"No cigar, I thank you." Mr. Kinos ling, establishing himself in a wicker their beside Margaret, waved away her ugh!-father's proffer. "I do not smoke. I ah"have never easted tobacco in any form." Mrs. Schoffeld was confirmed in her opinion that this would be an ideal son-in-law. Mr. Schofield was

"No," said Mr. Kinosling. "No to bacco for me. No cigar, no pipe, no elgarette, no cheroot. For me a book -a volume of poems, perhaps. Verses. rimes, lines metrical and cadencedthose are my dissipation. Tennyson by preference-'Maud' or 'Idylla of the King, poetry of the sound Victorian ugh!" There is none later. Or Longfellow will rest me in a thred hour. Yes, for me a book-a volume in the

hand, held lightly between the fingers." Mr. Kinosling looked pleasantly at haps be-ah-better at home. I willhis fingers as he spoke, waving his ah-say good night." hand in a curving gesture which brought it into the light of a window faintly illumined from the interior of do so and, saying "Good night" again the house. Then he passed those grace- in a frigid tone, departed with visible ful fingers over his hair and turned to- stiffness from that house, to return no ward Penrod, who was perched upon

the railing in a dark corner. "The evening is touched with a slight coolness," said Mr. Kinosling, "Perhaps I may request the little gentle-

"B'gr-r-ruff" coughed Mr. Schofield. "You'd better change your mind about

"No, I thank you. I was about to

raquest the lit"-"Do try one," Margaret urged. "I'm sure papa's are nice ones. Do try"-"No, I thank you. I remarked a slight coolness in the air, and my bat is in the hallway. I was about to re-

"I'll get it for you," said Penrod "If you will be so good," said Mr.

horror she recalled Penrod's long absence when he went to bring the hat. "Penrod," she cried, "let me see your hands."

She had toiled at those hands herself late that afternoon, nearly scalding her own, but at last achieving a lily purity. "Let me see your hands!"

She seized them. Again they were tarred!

CHAPTER XIX.

The Quiet Afternoon. ERHAPS middle aged people might discern nature's real intentions in the matter of pain if they would examine a boy's punishments and sorrows, for he prolongs neither beyond their actual dura-With a boy, trouble must be of homeric dimensions to last overnight. To him, every next day is really a new day. Thus, Penrod woke, next mornning, with neither the unspared rod, nor Mr. Kluosling in his mind. Tar, itself, so far as his consideration of it went, might have been an undiscovered substance. His mood was cheerful and mercantile; some process having worked mysteriously within him, during the night, to the result that his first waking thought was of profits connected with the sale of old iron-or perhaps a ragman had passed the house, just before he woke.

By 10 o'clock he had formed a partnership with the indeed amiable Sam, and the firm of Schofield & Williams plunged headlong into commerce. Heavy dealings in rags, paper, old iron and lead gave the firm a balance of 22 cents on the evening of the third day, but a venture is glassware, following, proved disappointing on account of the skepticism of all the druggists in that part of town, even after seven laborious hours had been spent in cleansing a wheelbarrow load of old medicine bottles with hydrant water and ashes. Likewise, the partners were disheartened by their failure to dispose of a crop of "greens," although they had uprooted specimens of that decorative and unappreciated flower, the dandelion, with such persistence and energy that the Schofields' and Williams' lawns looked curiously haggard for the rest of that summer. . The fit passed, business languished, became extinct. The dog days had

One August afternoon was so hot that even boys sought indoor shade. In the dimness of the vacant carriage house of the stable lounged Masters Penrod Schofield, Samuel Williams, Maurice Levy, Georgie Bassett and Herman. They sat still and talked. It is a hot day, in rare truth, when boys devote themselves principally to conversation, and this day was that

Their elders should beware such days. Peril hovers near when the flercenes of weather forces inaction and boys in groups are quiet. The more closely volcances, western rivers, nitroglycerin and boys are pent, the deadlier is their action at the point of outbreak. Thus, parents and guardians should look for outrages of the most singular violence and of the most peculiar nature during the confining weather of February and

The thing which befell upon this brolling afternoon began to brew and stew peacefully enough. All was init with "The Children's Hour," and, nocence and languor; no one could have after a pause at the close, to allow his forefold the eruption.

They were upon their great upon his rendition, he passed his hand When I get to be a man!" Being huagain over his head and called in the man, though boys, they considered their present estate too commonplace "I believe I will take my hat now, to be dwelt upon. So, when the old men gather, they say: "When I was a boy." It really is the land of now-

edly climbing over the porch ralling in adays that we never discover. "When I'm a man," said Sam Wilhams, "I'm goin' to hire me a couple of colored waiters to swing me in a hammock and keep pourin' ice water on me all day out o' those waterin' All of them remembered later that this cans they sprinkle flowers from. I'll supposed thoughtfulness on his part hire you for one of 'em, Herman."

"No: you ain' goin' to," said Herman promptly. "You ain' no flowuh. But Mr. Kinosling, and being somewhat nev' min' nat, anyway. Ain' nobody goin' high me whens I'm a man. Goin' head, pulling it down as far as it would be my own boss. I'm go' be a rai'road go. It had a pleasant warmth which man!"

"You mean like a superintendent, or he noticed something else, a peculiar sumpthing like that, and sell tickets?" asked Penrod.

"Sup'in-nv' min' nat! Sell ticket? No suh! Go' be a po'tuh! My uncle and entered upon a strange experi- a po'tuh right now. Solid gole buttons -oh, oh!"

ence-his hat seemed to have decided/ "Do you like Tennyson as much as than porters," said Penrod. "Gen-Longfellow, Mr. Kinosling?" inquired erais"-

"Po'tubs make the bes' livin'." Herman interrupted. "My uncle spen' mo' money 'n any white man n'is town." "Well, I rather be a general," said Penrod, "or a senator, or sumpthing 11 Arcade

'Senators live in Warshington," Maurice Levy contributed the information. "I- been there. Warshington ain't so much. Niag'ra falls is a hundred He seemed to be wrenching at his times as good as Warshington. So's "Tlantic City. I was there too. I been everywhere there is. I'asked anxiously. "Mr. Kinosling, are

"Well, anyway," said Sam Williams, raising his voice in order to obtain the floor, "anyway, I'm goin' to lay in a hammock all day and have ice water sprinkled on top o' me, and I'm goin' to lay there all night, too, and the next day. I'm goin' to lay there a coutated. "I fear I may have taken a ple o' years maybe."

triffing-ah-coid. I should-ah-per-"I bet you don't?" exclaimed Maurice. "What'd you do in winter?" "What?"

"What you goin' to do when it's winter, out in a hammock with water sprinkled on top o' you all day? I bet

"I'd stay right there," Sam declared, with strong conviction, blinking as he looked out through the open doors at the dazzling lawn and trees, trembling in the heat. "They couldn't sprinkle too much for me!" "It'd make fcicles all over you,

and"-"I wish it would," said Sam. "I'd eat 'em up.'

"And it'd snow on you"-(To Be Continued.)

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